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Political Rallies Underline Division in Portugal

The political chasm between Lisbon and most of the rest of Portugal was underlined once again last night by two separate political rallies, one in Lisbon and the other in Porto.

In the capital, a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 25,000 led by the newly formed united front of Communists and fellow-travelers marched to the presidential palace chanting support for Prime Minister Vasco Goncalves.

The rally was addressed by Goncalves and President Costa Gomes. When Goncalves told the demonstrators that reaction was a grave threat and that it was their duty to defend the revolution, they cheered wildly and shouted for arms.

An appeal by Costa Gomes for tolerance and a broadening of the new

front to include less radical political groups brought boos, catcalls, and cries of "death to the church."

At a rally sponsored by the Socialists in the northern port city of Porto 200 miles away, 50,000 marchers screamed for Goncalves' dismissal and rejected the return of a pro-Communist officer as head of the Northern Military Region.

The mood of the people outside of Lisbon appears to be growing increasingly ugly.

The commander said the situation had become so grave in the neighboring town

of Leiria that he had asked Lisbon to send special forces. He said the people's anger had created "instability" among his officers and sergeants and that they were no longer willing to participate in riot control.

In the past few days, Leiria has been the scene of bitter anti-Communist violence, leaving one dead and ten seriously wounded.

The headquarters of the pro-Communist 5th Division of the armed forces general staff, which has strongly sup-

Jakarta Likely to Invade Timor Even Without Lisbon's Blessing

Indonesia's preparations for military intervention in Timor have probably advanced too far for Jakarta to turn back now, even though Portuguese President Costa Gomes has reportedly decided against endorsing unilateral Indonesian action to restore order.

Indonesian President Suharto believes Indonesia must move carefully to avoid being accused of aggression against Timor. He undoubtedly hoped that a special Portuguese envoy scheduled to arrive in Jakarta last night would be bringing word that Lisbon was prepared to support publicly an Indonesian move.

Costa Gomes has apparently decided that for domestic political reasons he cannot do so.

Suharto will probably give the go ahead for intervention anyway and may well announce his decision in such a way as to leave the impression that he is acting on behalf of Lisbon.

Jakarta will certainly say that Indonesian intervention is intended to restore order so that the decolonization process agreed upon earlier can continue and the interests of the Timorese people can be safeguarded.

ported Goncalves, was occupied yesterday by the security forces. They expelled the officers in the headquarters and conducted a thorough search. The 5th Division is the propaganda and information service of the armed forces.

By itself, the seizure appears a reversal for Goncalves, but it may also stem from a political compromise worked out by military leaders earlier this week.

the raid on the propaganda and information service was carried out on a direct order from the office of President Costa Gomes.

The swift action against the 5th Division and apparent decisiveness of the security forces was unexpected. This may reflect Costa Gomes' irritation over the unit's dissemination Sunday of two official communiques without his authorization.

The suspension of propaganda and information activities was part of a package announced by the Revolutionary Council on Monday. The package included reinstatement of the pro-Communist commander in the north and a restructuring of the Council by the Armed

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Timor . . .

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Recent worldwide publicity about the deteriorating situation in Timor and the Portuguese admission that they lost control will work to Jakarta's advantage. Unilateral Indonesian action undertaken now in the name of ending bloodshed and with the appropriate disclaimers about territorial ambitions will probably not draw sharp international criticism.

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Forces General Assembly.

There appears to be growing support for compromise among Portugal's military leaders. There were additional reports yesterday that army Chief of Staff Fabian had withdrawn his bid to form a new government. It is possible that he agreed to do this in exchange for neutralizing the propaganda service.

A somewhat grimmer scenario was drawn yesterday

by Emidio Guerreiro, interim secretary general of the left-of-center Popular Democratic Party. Guerreiro, who is believed to be well-informed, said Goncalves had flatly refused to step down and that he and the Communists had threatened to use armed paramilitary groups in Lisbon if the Antunes group did not desist.

Also, according to this account, the Antunes group is unsure of its support among the military rank and file, and this is why it has been hesitant to take decisive action against Goncalves.